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May 30, 2003

Marjorie Thomas  
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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Marjorie E. Thomas, et. al., Blue Beauty #28 Project, S/023/081, Juab County, Utah

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and initial \$150.00 permit application fee, received by the Division on May 20, 2003. The proposed Blue Beauty #28 Project is located in the NE1/4 SW1/2 SW1/4 of Section 27, T10S R6W, SLBM, Juab County, Utah. Before we could grant acceptance of the notice, we had to receive clearance from the Utah Division of State History that no historical or archaeological properties were in the area of the proposed operation. We have now received their notification that no historic properties affected by this operation

The application is considered complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time. **You may commence with your mining operations as outlined, provided you have satisfied and received written acceptance from the Bureau of Land Management.**

In accordance with the requirements of Rule R647-3-105, regarding the project location and disturbed area identification on a topographic map, *the Division also requires the operator mark the proposed/actual disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or other suitable, fixed markers) to assure that operations do not exceed the five acre limitation of this permit.* Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

The acceptance of this notice is for a small mining operation only, **not to exceed five acres.** Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(I)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the fees were increased to \$150.00 for small mining notices.

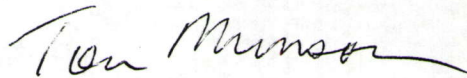
For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-summary).

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Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Munson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tom Munson  
Senior Reclamation Hydrologist

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Enclosure: SMO summary  
cc: Sheri Wysong, BLM (UTU-77799)  
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